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SUBJECT: MILITANT ARRESTS IN JAKARTA

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Classified By: Deputy Pol/C Stanley Harsha, reasons 1.4(b+d).

¶1. (C) SUMMARY: No connection to terrorist organization Jemaah Islamiyah or the impending execution of the Bali bombers has so far been established in the October 21 Indonesian police raid of an alleged terrorist safe house in Jakarta (see reftel). The intended target of the explosive found appears to have been a major fuel depot in Jakarta.
END SUMMARY.

¶2. (SBU) In the October 21 raid on a North Jakarta house, Detachment-88 arrested two of the five suspects: Rusli Mardani aka "Wahyu Amadan" aka "Uci"; and Muntasir. Police confiscated 21 bullets, a 20 centimeter knife, three kilograms of explosives, PVC pipes, and 10 bomb-making manuals. The other suspects (Hasan, Imam Basori aka "Basar," and Budiman) were arrested separately, leading to conflicting press reports.

¶3. (C) According to press reports, the intended target of the militants was a Pertamina fuel depot in Plumpang, North Jakarta. Because of similarities in the bomb making methods, there has been media speculation that the men had studied bomb making under Azahari Husin, a deceased associate of fellow Malaysian terrorist Noordin M. Top. Officials told PolOff that they could not confirm such an association. Rusli Mardani is believed to be a member of Crisis Action Committee (KOMPAK), an Islamic militant group, and had been wanted by the Central Sulawesi Police. Police are still investigating the background and associations of the militants. Mission's police contacts so far do not believe there is any link between the plans of the arrested militants and the possible upcoming execution of the Bali Bombers.

